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**Lake Jackson, Texas**

**City of Lake Jackson  
Tropical Storm Harvey/Brazos River Flood  
Weather Update  
8/31/2017 - 2 p.m.**

Voluntary evacuations are in place currently for Northwood subdivision (northeast of the 2004/288 intersection). Northwest Lake Jackson (Timbercreek and other subdivisions along and near Lake Rd around Lake Jackson "the lake"); and northeast Lake Jackson (area bordered by FM 2004 on the north; north Yaupon on the west; Old Angleton Rd on the east; and Southern Oaks on the south).

Both Northwood subdivision and northeast Lake Jackson are in the Bastrop Bayou watershed. The bayou is at elevation 19' at SH288 and 14' at the Old Angleton Rd. Those were where the bayou peaked last year during the June 2016 river flood. This year, the bayou has reached these numbers and is still rising. We expect a peak within the next 24-36 hours. We are thinking it may hit 15.5 or 16 feet at Old Angleton Rd. The top of our drainage structure is 15 feet. We are attempting to raise this.

As to Timbercreek and other subdivisions in the northwest Lake Jackson near the lake, we received information from Brazoria County of a forecast from the State of Texas and National Weather Service that areas west of SH288 (and in our case north of FM 2004) could be inundated by flood water. So, out of an abundance of caution we called a voluntary evacuation. If it is as bad forecast, roads could be impassable and some low-lying homes could get water in them. We and the Velasco Drainage District continue to pump.

As you know, the county called a mandatory evacuation for properties west of Lake Jackson a couple of days ago.

At noon today Oyster Creek was at 17.55 feet. The creek peaked last year at 17.5 feet. The highest peak we have recorded was in 1992 at 19.77 feet. The next 24-36 hours should see the peak of both Oyster Creek and Bastrop Bayou.

We have published a list of shelters open for people and we encourage residents to reach out and help one another. We understand some churches are opening their doors to residents leaving their homes.

We are a great city because of our great people. Together we will get through this.